SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: My question is with regard to the first question because he has stated very clearly "in order to meet the increasing demand of consumers situated in the South, including Tamil Nadu".

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, include whatever you want to say in your second supplementary.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Considering the reply given by the hon. Minister, I would like to know whether there is any proposal to start new thermal plants in Tamil Nadu to meet the power shortage.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question not relevant. Question No 108.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: One more supplementary, Sir. He has pointed out that there is shortage of coal and increase in the demand by consumers in the South, especially in Tamil Nadu. When that is the case, I do not know why he has reduced from 1 lakh 20 thousand tonnes to 80 thousand tonnes and the balance he has given to Ramagundam, as was pointed out by my colleague, Mr. Ramakrishnan, a few days back. I want to know specifically, when there is a shortage of supply and when there is increase in the demand by the consumers, what is the necessity of reducing it from one lakh twenty thousand tonnes to eighty thousand tonnes?

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: That is from Singareni to Ennore.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: As far as Ennore's linkage with Singareni is concerned, because Ramagundam's third unit of thermal power station was started and it is a pithead station, so it had to use the coal of Ramagundam. So therefore, naturally there was shortage of coal that was linked to Ennore. But we could supply coal from elsewhere. That we are doing. It is not as if we have delinked coal and are starving Ennore of coal. Actually we are supplying...

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: From Talcher.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Singareni coal, unfortunately, we are short of, but as I assured you in the years to come—I said this the other day—the production is going up by 20 per cent. It has already gone up and you will get coal even from Singareni.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 108.

Violation of FERA provisions by M/s. Parle Group of Companies

*108. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Parle Group of Companies of Bombay have violated FERA rules and regulations during the years 1973 to 1981;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of show-cause notices were served on the Group during the above period; and

(c) what punishment has been awarded to the directors of the above Group of Companies for violation of FERA provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Two of the Companies in the Parle Group, namely, M/s. Bisleri (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay and M/s. Parle Export Pvt. Ltd., Bombay, have been charged for violation of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, which came to light during the years 1973 to 1981.

(b) One show-cause notice was issued to M/s. Bisleri (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Bombay and its two Directors, namely, S/Shri Ramesh J. Chauhan and H.M. Golwala, on 2.3.1978. Five show-cause notices were issued, on 19-3-82, to M/s. Parle Export Pvt. Ltd. Bombay and its two Directors namely, S/Shri Ramesh J. Chauhan and H.M. Golwala.

(c) In the case against M/s. Bisleri (India) Pvt. Ltd. and its two Directors, adjudicated on 25-9-1978, penalties of Rs. 15,000 each on the two Direc- Rs. 15,000 each on the two Directors were imposed. The case against M/s. Parle Export Pvt. Ltd. is pending adjudication.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: How is it that M/s. Parle Group of companies which have not only violated FERA but also evaded over Rs. 3 crores of Excise Duty, as stated on the floor of the House on 21st April, 1981, Question No. 24, are allowed to continue these activities and no penal action is taken?

SHRI JANARADHAN POOJARI: In one case penal action has been taken. In fact, the facts are like this. In the case of Bisleri company, it has happened that an Additional Director imposed the penalty. The Director did not agree. Then the appeal was taken to the Appellate Board. The Board found that there was no justification for intervening. Then the Director filed an appeal in the Bombay High Court. It is pending.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Imports against exports of processed foods

*109. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for restricting the imports to 10 per cent of F.O.B. value of exports for processed food under the new import policy;

(b) what are the reasons for further restricting 10 per cent of the import licence value for flavouring essences; and

(c) what are the reason for which an exporter cannot utilise 100 per cent of his import entitlement for importing flavouring essence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No further restriction has been imposed in the import policy for 1985—88 as the import replenishment continues to be the same as in the previous years.

(b) Further restriction on the import of particular item within overall import entitlement is also imposed keeping in view the extent of utilisation of the relevant item in the export product.

(c) Under the Import Policy, 1985—88 for Registered Exporters, the rate of import replenishment is fixed keeping in view the value of the relevant item(s) used in the export product vis-a-vis F.O.B. value of export product as also the indigenous availability of a particular item.

Coffee cultivation in Tripura

*110. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the climate and soil of Tripura have been found suitable for the cultivation of coffee crop; and

(b) if so, the quality and quantity of coffee likely to be produced there annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Preliminary assessment made by